# Gorenstein isolated quotient singularities of odd prime dimension are cyclic

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we shall prove that Gorenstein isolated quotient singularities of odd prime dimension are cyclic. In the case where the dimension is bigger than 1 and is not an odd prime number, then there exist Gorenstein isolated non-cyclic quotient singularities.

## 1 Introduction

Let G be a finite subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(n,\mathbb{C})$ , where  $\mathbb{C}$  is the field of complex numbers and  $\mathrm{GL}(n,\mathbb{C})$  is the set of  $n\times n$  invertible matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then, G acts on a polynomial ring  $R=\mathbb{C}[X_1,X_2,\ldots,X_n]$  linearly. Let  $R^G$  be the invariant subring, i.e.,

$$R^G = \{ r \in R \mid g(r) = r \ \forall g \in G \}.$$

It is well-known that  $R^G$  is finitely generated over  $\mathbb C$  (cf. Theorem 1.3.1 in [1]).

It is possible to classify finite subgroups in  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  (cf. Theorem 2.4.5 in [5]). Here,  $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$  is the subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  consisting of all matrices of determinant 1. It is well-known that the invariant subring of  $\mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2]$  under the linear action of a finite subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  is a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with isolated singularity.

It is also possible to classify finite subgroups in  $SL(3, \mathbb{C})$  (cf. Yau-Yu [6]). Using the classification, it was proved that Gorenstein isolated quotient singularities of dimension three are cyclic (Theorem A and Theorem 23 in Yau-Yu [6]).

In this paper, we prove the following:

**Theorem 1.1** Let n be an odd prime number. Let G be a finite subgroup of SL(n, K), where K is a field such that the characteristic of K is 0 or does not divide the order of G. Assume that 1 is not an eigen value of any element of G except for the unit matrix. Then, G is a cyclic group.

Our proof is very simple and easy. We do not use the classification of finite subgroups of  $SL(3, \mathbb{C})$ .

For a finite subgroup G of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ , we set

 $\Sigma_i = \{g \in G \mid 1 \text{ is an eigen value of } g \text{ with multiplicity at least } i\}$ 

for  $i=0,1,\ldots,n$ . Each element in  $\Sigma_{n-1}\setminus\{e\}$  is called a *pseudo-reflection*. Set

$$H_i = \langle \Sigma_i \rangle$$
.

By definition we have

$$G = \Sigma_0 \supset \Sigma_1 \supset \cdots \supset \Sigma_{n-1} \supset \Sigma_n = \{e\},\$$

$$G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\}.$$

Here, remark that  $\Sigma_n$  is equal to  $\{e\}$ , since any element in G is diagonalizable.

Suppose  $n \geq 2$ . Let l be an integer such that  $0 \leq l \leq n-2$ . By purity of branch locus (cf. Theorem 41.1 in [2]) and the Shephard-Todd theorem (cf. Theorem 7.2.1 in [1]), we know that the following two conditions are equivalent:

- 1.  $H_l \supseteq H_{l+1} = \cdots = H_{n-1}$ ,
- 2.  $\operatorname{Sing} R^G \neq \emptyset$  and  $\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Sing} R^G = l$ .

Here  $\mathrm{Sing}R^G$  is the  $singular\ locus$  of  $R^G,$  i.e.,

$$\operatorname{Sing} R^G = \{ P \in \operatorname{Spec} R^G \mid (R^G)_P \text{ is not a regular local ring} \}.$$

If Sing A is not empty and if the dimension of Sing A is 0, we say that A has *isolated singularities*. Then, the following two conditions are equivalent:

- 1.  $\mathbb{R}^G$  has isolated singularities.
- 2.  $H_0 \supseteq H_1 = \cdots = H_{n-1}D$

If  $\Sigma_{n-1} = \{e\}$ , then the above two conditions are equivalent to the following:

3.  $\Sigma_1 = \{e\}$ , that is, 1 is not an eigen value of any element of G except for e.

Remember the following theorem due to Watanabe:

**Theorem 1.2 (Watanabe)** Let G be a finite subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  and suppose that G acts on  $R := \mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$  linearly.

- 1. If  $G \subset SL(n,K)$ , then  $R^G$  is a Gorenstein ring.
- 2. If  $R^G$  is a Gorenstein ring and if  $\Sigma_{n-1} = \{e\}$ , then  $G \subset SL(n, K)$ .

Since  $R^{H_{n-1}}$  is isomorphic to a polynomial ring and  $G/H_{n-1}$  acts on  $R^{H_{n-1}}$  linearly, the case where  $\Sigma_{n-1} = \{e\}$  is very important.

When  $\Sigma_{n-1} = \{e\}$ , we know the following:

- 1.  $G \subset SL(n, K)$  if and only if  $R^G$  is Gorenstein.
- 2.  $R^G$  has an isolated singularity if and only if 1 is not an eigenvalue of any element in G except for e.

Then the following corollary immediately follows from Theorem 1.1:

Corollary 1.3 Let n be an odd prime number. Let G be a finite subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  which does not contain a pseudo-reflection. Assume that the invariant subring  $R^G$  is Grorensterin with isolated singularity. Then,  $R^G$  has a cyclic quotient singularity.

We shall prove Theorem 1.1 in Section 2. In Section 3, we shall give some examples in the case where n is bigger than 1 and is not an odd prime integer.

# 2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

We shall prove Theorem 1.1 in this section.

We may assume that K is an algebraically closed field.

Remark that each matrix in G is diagonalizable because the characteristic of K is 0 or does not divide the order of G.

First we shall prove Theorem 1.1 in the case where G is an abelian group. Next we shall do in the case where G is a solvable group. Finally we prove Theorem 1.1 without any other additional assumption.

#### 2.1 The case where G is abelian

In this subsection, we prove Theorem 1.1 in the case where G is an abelian group.

Assume that G is a finite abelian subgroup of SL(n, K)D

Since the characteristic of K is 0 or does not divide the order of G, there exists  $c \in GL(n,K)$  such that  $c^{-1}gc$  is a diagonal matrix for any  $g \in G$ . Set  $c^{-1}Gc := \{c^{-1}gc|g \in G\}$ . Remember that g and  $c^{-1}gc$  have the same characteristic polynomial. So, g and  $c^{-1}gc$  have the same determinant and the same eigen values. Replacing G with  $c^{-1}Gc$ , we may assume that all matrices in G are diagonal.

We define

$$\psi: G \longrightarrow K^{\times}$$

by letting  $\psi(g)$  be the (1,1)th entry of each diagonal matrix g in G. Then, it is a group homomorphism. Since 1 is not an eigen value of any element in G except for the unit matrix,  $\psi$  is injective.

Since any finite subgroup of  $K^{\times}$  is cyclic, so is G.

#### 2.2 The case where G is solvable

In this subsection, we prove Theorem 1.1 in the case where G is a solvable group by induction on  ${}^{\#}G$  (the order of G).

Let G be a finite solvable subgroup of SL(n, K) satisfying the assumption in Theorem 1.1D Assume  ${}^{\#}G > 1$ . By induction, any finite solvable subgroup G' of SL(n, K) satisfying the assumption in Theorem 1.1 is cyclic if  ${}^{\#}G > {}^{\#}G'$ . In particular any proper subgroup of G is cyclic.

Let H be a maximal subgroup of G that contains the commutator subgroup of G. Then H is a normal subgroup of G. Since H is a proper subgroup of G, H is a cyclic group. Let a be a generator of H, and take  $b \in G \setminus H$ . Then,

$$H = \langle a \rangle \text{ and } G = \langle a, b \rangle,$$

where  $\langle a_1, \ldots, a_t \rangle$  means the subgroup generated by  $a_1, \ldots, a_t$ .

Let s be the order of a. Since H is a normal subgroup of G,  $b^{-1}ab$  is in H. There exists  $u \in (\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$  such that  $b^{-1}ab = a^{u}$ .

Let  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  be the set of the eigen values of a, where each  $\lambda_i$  is a primitive sth root of 1. We think that it is a multi-set.

Then, by a famous theorem of Frobenius,  $\{\lambda_1^u, \lambda_2^u, \dots, \lambda_n^u\}$  is the set of the eigen values of  $a^u$ .

Since  $b^{-1}ab = a^u$ ,

$$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\} = \{\lambda_1^u, \lambda_2^u, \dots, \lambda_n^u\}$$

is satisfied as multi-sets. Repeating it, we have

$$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\} = \{\lambda_1^{(u^m)}, \lambda_2^{(u^m)}, \dots, \lambda_n^{(u^m)}\}$$
 (1)

for any positive integer m. Let  $\operatorname{ord}(u)$  be the order of u in the multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ . Then, it is easy to see that  $\operatorname{ord}(u)$  divides n by (1). Since n is a prime number,  $\operatorname{ord}(u)$  is equal to 1 or n.

- (i) If ord(u) = 1, then ab = ba is satisfied. Then, G is abelian. Therefore, G is cyclic as we have already seen in Subsection 2.1.
- (ii) Suppose ord(u) = n. Then, we may assume that

$$\{\lambda, \lambda^u, \lambda^{(u^2)}, \dots, \lambda^{(u^{n-1})}\}$$

is the set of the eigen values of a, where  $\lambda$  is a primitive sth root of 1. Here, remark that the multiplicity of each eigen value is one.

Then there exists  $c \in GL(n, K)$  such that

$$c^{-1}ac = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & & O \\ & \lambda^u & & & \\ & & \lambda^{(u^2)} & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ O & & & \lambda^{(u^{n-1})} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2}$$

Replacing G with  $c^{-1}Gc$ , we may assume that a is equal to the right-hand-side of (2). Then,

$$b^{-1}ab = a^{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{u} & & & O \\ & \lambda^{(u^{2})} & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \lambda^{(u^{n-1})} & \\ O & & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

By the above equality, we may set

$$b = (\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{b}_{n-1} \ \mathbf{b}_0),$$

where  $\mathbf{b}_i$  is an eigen vector of a of eigen value  $\lambda^{(u^i)}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, n-1$ . Therefore, we may set

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & b_0 \\ b_1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & b_{n-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$\det(b) = (-1)^{n-1}b_0b_1 \cdots b_{n-1} = 1.$$

On the other hand,

$$\det(te - b)$$

$$= \det\begin{pmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -b_0 \\ -b_1 & t & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & -b_2 & t & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -b_{n-1} & t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det\begin{pmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ -b_1 & t & 0 & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & -b_2 & t & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -b_{n-1} & t \end{pmatrix} + \det\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & -b_0 \\ -b_1 & t & 0 & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & -b_2 & t & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -b_{n-1} & t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= t^n + (-1)^{n+(n-1)}b_0b_1 \cdots b_{n-1}$$

$$= t^n + (-1)^n.$$

Since n is an odd number, we know that 1 is an eigen value of the matrix b. It is a contradiction. Therefore, ord(u) is not n.

We have completed a proof in the case where G is solvable.

## 2.3 Final step of our proof of Theorem 1.1

In this subsection, we prove Theorem 1.1 without any other additional assumption.

Let G be a group satisfying the assumption of Theorem 1.1. We prove Theorem 1.1 by induction on  ${}^{\#}G$ .

By induction, any proper subgroup of G is cyclic.

Let  $S_p$  be a p-Sylow subgroup of G for each prime number p. If  $S_p$  is a normal subgroup of G for any prime number p, then it is well known that G is isomorphic to the direct product of all Sylow subgroups. Then, G is nilpotent. In particular, it is solvable. Then, G is cyclic as we have already seen in Subsection 2.2.

We assume that there exists a prime number p such that  $S_p$  is not a normal subgroup of G. Set

$$N_G(S_p) = \{ c \in G \mid cS_pc^{-1} = S_p \}.$$

It is usually called the *normalizer* of  $S_p$ . Since  $S_p$  is not a normal subgroup of G,  $G \neq N_G(S_p)$ .

Remember the following famous theorem due to Burnside (cf. Theorem 7.50 in [3]):

**Theorem 2.1 (Burnside)** Let F be a finite group. Assume that there exists a prime number q such that a q-Sylow subgroup  $S_q$  of F is contained in the center of its normalizer  $N_F(S_q)$ .

Then there exists a normal subgroup H of F such that

$$F = HS_q$$
 and  $H \cap S_q = \{e\}.$ 

In our case,  $S_p$  is contained in the center of  $N_G(S_p)$  because  $N_G(S_p)$  is cyclic. By the above theorem due to Burnside, there exists a normal subgroup H of G such that

$$G = HS_p$$
 and  $H \cap S_p = \{e\}.$ 

Since  $S_p \neq \{e\}$ , H is a proper subgroup of G. Therefore, H is cyclic. Since  $S_p$  is a proper subgroup of G,  $S_p$  is also cyclic. Then, G is solvable because of

$$G/H \simeq S_p$$
.

We have completed a proof of Theorem 1.1.

# 3 The case where n is not an odd prime number

Suppose that n is an integer bigger than 1.

In this section, we give examples of non-abelian finite subgroups of  $\mathrm{SL}(n,\mathbb{C})$  that satisfy the assumption in Theorem 1.1 except for that n is an odd prime number.

#### 3.1 The case where n is an even number

In this subsection, we assume that n is an even number, namely, n = 2m.

Let H be a non-abelian finite subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{C})$ . For example,  $H=\langle A,B\rangle,$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that 1 is not an eigen value of any matrix in H except for e.

Here we define as

$$G = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} M & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & M & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & M \end{array} \right) \in \operatorname{SL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \middle| M \in H \right\}.$$

Then 1 is not an eigen value of any element in G except for e. Since G is isomorphic to H as a group, G is not abelian.

# 3.2 The case where n is an odd composite number

In this subsectin, assume that n is an odd composite number.

Set n = qr, where q is an odd prime number and r is an odd number such that  $q \le r$ .

By a famous theorem due to Dirichlet, there exists an odd prime number l such that

$$l \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$$
.

Then, there exists  $\alpha \in (\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$  such that the order of  $\alpha$  is q, i.e., it satisfies

$$\alpha^q \equiv 1 \pmod{l} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha \not\equiv 1 \pmod{l}.$$
 (3)

Let z (resp. x) be a primitive lth root (resp. qth root) of 1. Here, set

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c} O & x \\ \hline 1 & O \\ \\ & \ddots \\ O & 1 \\ \end{array} & O \\ \end{array} \right), \ B = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c} z & & O \\ & z^{\alpha} & \\ & & \ddots \\ O & & z^{\alpha^{q-1}} \\ \end{array} \right) \in \mathrm{GL}(q,\mathbb{C}).$$

**Lemma 3.1** Set  $G = \langle A, B \rangle \subset \mathrm{GL}(q, \mathbb{C})$ . Then we have the following:

- (i)  $\det A = x$ ,  $\det B = 1$ .
- (ii)  $AB \neq BA$ , in particular, G is not abelian.
- (iii) G is a finite group.
- (iv) 1 is not an eigen value of any element in G except for the unit matrix.

**Proof.** We have

$$\det A = (-1)^{q-1} x = x \det B = \prod_{i=0}^{q-1} z^{\alpha^i} = z^{\frac{\alpha^q - 1}{\alpha - 1}}.$$

Since l divides  $\frac{\alpha^q - 1}{\alpha - 1}$  by (3),

$$z^{\frac{\alpha^q - 1}{\alpha - 1}} = 1.$$

The statement (i) has been proved.

$$A^{-1}BA = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & & O \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & O & 1 \\ \hline x^{-1} & & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z & & & O \\ & z^{\alpha} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & z^{(\alpha^{q-1})} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & O & | & x \\ \hline 1 & & O & | \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & O \\ & & & & & O \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} z^{\alpha} & & & O \\ & z^{(\alpha^2)} & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & z^{(\alpha^{q-1})} & \\ & & & & z \end{pmatrix} = B^{\alpha}$$

Since  $z \neq z^{\alpha}$ , we have  $AB \neq BA$ . The statement (ii) has been proved. It is easy to see that the order of B is l. Since

$$A^q = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} x & & O \\ & \ddots & \\ O & & x \end{array}\right),$$

the order of A is  $q^2$ . Since  $BA = AB^{\alpha}$ , we have

$$G = \{A^r B^s | r = 0, 1, \dots, q^2 - 1; \ s = 0, 1, \dots, l - 1\}.$$

In particular, the order of G is finite. The statement (iii) has been proved.

Now, we want to show that 1 is not an eigen value of  $A^rB^s$  for  $r=0,1,\ldots,q^2-1,\ s=0,1,\ldots,l-1$  except for the case r=s=0. Set

$$r = uq + v$$
,

where u and v are integers such that  $0 \le u$  and  $0 \le v < q$ . First, assume v = 0. Since

$$A^{r}B^{s} = x^{u} \begin{pmatrix} z^{s} & & & O \\ & z^{s\alpha} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ O & & & z^{s\alpha^{q-1}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^{u}z^{s} & & O \\ & x^{u}z^{s\alpha} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ O & & & x^{u}z^{s\alpha^{q-1}} \end{pmatrix},$$

the set of the eigen values of  $A^rB^s$  is

$$\{x^u z^s, \ x^u z^{s\alpha}, \ \dots \ , x^u z^{s\alpha^{q-1}}\}.$$

Here assume that  $x^u z^{s\alpha^t} = 1$  for some  $0 \le t \le q - 1$ . Since q and l are relatively prime, we have

$$-u \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$$
$$s\alpha^t \equiv 0 \pmod{l}.$$

Therefore, we have r = s = 0. Next assume  $v \neq 0$ .

$$A^r B^s = (A^q)^u A^v B^s$$

Therefore, we know that

the 
$$(i, j)$$
th entry of  $tE - A^r B^s = \begin{cases} t & (i = j) \\ -x^u z^{s\alpha^{j-1}} & (i = j + v) \\ -x^{u+1} z^{s\alpha^{j-1}} & (i = j + v - q) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$ 

For each j, the (i, j)th entry of  $tE - A^rB^s$  is not 0 if and only if i = j or  $i \equiv j + v \pmod{q}$ . Since q and v are relatively prime, we have

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \det(tE - A^r B^s) & = & t^q + (-1)^{q+v(q-v)} x^{uq+v} z^{s(1+\alpha+\dots+\alpha^{q-1})} \\ & = & t^q - x^v. \end{array}$$

Since  $x^v \neq 1$ , 1 is not an eigen value of  $A^r B^s$ . Q.E.D.

We define a group homomorphism

$$f: G \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(qr, \mathbb{C})$$

by

$$f(C) = \begin{pmatrix} C & O \\ & \ddots & & O \\ & & C & & \\ \hline & & & \overline{C} & O \\ & & & & \overline{C} \\ & & & & C \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

for each  $C \in G$ , where  $\overline{C}$  is the complex conjugate matrix of C. If C is not the unit matrix, 1 is not an eigen value of C and  $\overline{C}$ . Therefore, if C is not the unit matrix, 1 is not an eigen value of f(C).

On the other hand,

$$\det f(A) = (\det A)^{\frac{q+r}{2}} (\det \bar{A})^{\frac{r-q}{2}} = x^{\frac{q+r}{2}} (x^{-1})^{\frac{r-q}{2}} = x^q = 1$$

and, obviously  $\det f(B) = 1$ . Therefore,  $f(G) \subset \mathrm{SL}(n,\mathbb{C})$ . Since  $AB \neq BA$ ,

$$f(A)f(B) \neq f(B)f(A)$$
.

Therefore, f(G) is not abelian.

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